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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE AND KEYED TO PARA 7 (A) THRU (E) OF REFTEL:

2. NEW ZEALAND'S MULTILATERAL INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN 1976.

SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE IN DECEMBER 1975 THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND HAD TO FOCUS ALMOST ALL OF ITS ATTENTION AND RESOURCES ON THE OVERRIDING NEED TO COPE WITH THE COUNTRY'S CRITICAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL. AS A CONSEQUENCE IT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT AS YET DEVELOPED ANY GRAND DESIGN FOR ITS MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY IN 1976, AND MAY IN FACT PROCEED THROUGH MOST OF THE YEAR BY TREATING MULTI-
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LATERAL ISSUES AND INTERESTS ON AN AD HOC BASIS WHERE

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THERE IS NOT AN ALREADY WELL-ESTABLISHED AND WELL-KNOWN
NEW ZEALAND POLICY. AS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND CANDIDACIES,
NEW ZEALAND WILL BE SEEKING US SUPPORT FOR A) ELECTION TO
ECOSOC FOR THE 1977-80 TERM, AND B) A SEAT ON THE COMMISSION
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

3. AFFECT OF OTHER COUNTRIES ON NEW ZEALAND'S MULTILATERAL
DIPLOMACY.

NEW ZEALAND LOOKS FIRSTLY TO CANBERRA AND
WASHINGTON AND THEN TO OTTAWA TO SEEK VIEWS, REACTIONS
AND SUPPORT ON MULTILATERAL MATTERS. SECONDLY, IT LOOKS
TO TOKYO, WHOSE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL IMPORTANCE FOR NZ
IS GREAT AND GROWING. NEXT, IT TRIES ITS BEST TO MAKE PACIFIC
ISLAND GOVERNMENTS AND TO A SOMEWHAT LESSER EXTENT SE ASIAN
GOVERNMENTS FEEL THEIR VIEWS ARE BEING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
IN NEW ZEALAND'S DELIBERATIONS ON MULTILATERAL QUESTIONS.
LASTLY, IT TALKS WITH, BUT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT
"CONSULT" LONDON ON SUCH MATTERS AND HAS NOT DONE SO FOR QUITE
SOME TIME.

4. INSTRUCTIONS AND CONTROL.

NEW ZEALAND'S DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS
FULLY INSTRUCTED AND FULLY UNDER WELLINGTON'S CONTROL. BECAUSE
ITS UN REPRESENTATIVE AND DELEGATION ARE INVARIABLY OF HIGH
CALIBRE, WHEN EVENTS MOVE TOO FAST IN NEW YORK FOR AN EXCHANGE
OF MESSAGES WITH WELLINGTON THERE IS NO QUESTION OF NZUN
GETTING OUT OF STEP WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN WELLINGTON.

5. POWER OF NEW ZEALAND'S REPRESENTATIVES AT INTERNATIONAL
MEETINGS.

THERE IS NO REPEAT NO PROBLEM, AS INDICATED ABOVE, IN CONTROL-
LING OR INSTRUCTING NEW ZEALAND'S REPRESENTATIVES.

6. RECEPTIIVITY TO U.S. VIEWS.

NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT IS ALWAYS OPEN TO U.S. VIEWS, COMMENTS
AND SUGGESTIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES, AND FULLY TAKES THEM
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INTO ACCOUNT IN FORMULATING ITS OWN POSITIONS. KOREA IS EXCEL-
LENT EXAMPLE. US-NZ DEALINGS ON SUCH MATTERS ARE LONG-ESTABLISHED
PART OF FABRIC OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. MOST, BUT NOT ALL,
NEW ZEALAND SOLICITATIONS FOR USG SUPPORT ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES
ARE CONVEYED THROUGH THE NEW ZEALAND DELEGATIONS AT INTER-
NATIONAL MEETINGS OR IN WASHINGTON, BUT THERE IS REGULAR
AND ACROSS-THE-BOARD LIAISON AND INFORMAL CONSULTATION BETWEEN
EMBASSY WELLINGTON AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THESE MATTERS.

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